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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

  
Acting Legislative Counsel

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Compartmented Intelligence Information

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| TO<br>Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill  |          | ROUTING                      |   |
| FROM<br>James P. O'Neill   |          | DATE SENT                    |   |
| SUBJ<br>Thank You for 21<br>Stalling Procedures<br>with the CIA for the<br>Legislative Branch<br>Compartmented Intelligence<br>Division<br>78-1821/4 |          |                              |   |

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FROM: Frederick P. Hitz  
Legislative Counsel

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Attached for your signature is a letter to Speaker O'Neill responding to his letter requesting compartmented clearances for selected members of the House Leadership. Speaker O'Neill's letter was prompted by your letter initiating the new guidelines for issuing compartmented clearances to the Legislative Branch. Speaker O'Neill requested clearances for his office, the Majority Leader as well as the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Majority and Deputy Majority Whips. Your response limits the clearances to the Majority Leader in accordance with existing policy, however, you indicate that you will re-examine this policy if the Speaker considers it absolutely necessary that the other staff members be granted clearances.

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